

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 11-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In operation, the charger 3 uniformly charges the surface of the drum 2 being rotated. The writing unit 4 scans the surface of the drum 2 thus charged with a laser beam in accordance with image data to thereby form a latent image on the drum 2. The developing unit 5 develops the latent image with a developer deposited on the sleeve 5A for thereby forming a corresponding toner image. When a sheet or recording medium is conveyed from a sheet feeding device 8 to the image transferring unit 6, the image transferring unit 6 transfers the toner image from the drum 2 to the sheet. More specifically, the sheet is paid out from a cassette 8A by a pickup roller 8B, stopped by a registration roller pair 8C, and then driven by the registration roller pair 8C toward a nip between the drum 2 and the image transferring unit 6 at preselected timing.